

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MICHAEL J. GRANT CAMPUS, BRENTWOOD, NY
BOARD ROOM, LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
NOVEMBER 14, 2024

The meeting was held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the Learning Resource Center, in Brentwood, NY.

PRESENT:

Shirley Coverdale	Chair
Gordon Canary	Vice Chair
Gemma deLeon-Lopresti	Vice Chair (<i>via Zoom in a non-voting capacity</i>)
Kevin O'Connor	Secretary
E. Christopher Murray	Trustee
Belinda Pagdanganan	Trustee
Jerome Bost	Trustee
Priscilla Zarate	Trustee
John Dolan	Trustee (<i>via Zoom in a non-voting capacity</i>)
Dr. Edward Bonahue	President
Ashley Pope	General Counsel
Jon DeMaio	Interim A.V.P., Facilities & Project Management

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened at 10:00 a.m.

Public comments on agenda items: none.

President Bonahue and Jon DeMaio provided an overview of College resolution 2024.74. Vice Chair Canary and Trustee Murray asked questions concerning the land on which the new Automotive Technology Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus and its current state.

Chair Coverdale called for a motion to approve College resolution 2024.74. Trustee Canary so moved, Trustee Murray seconded. College resolution 2024.74 was approved unanimously (7-0).

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.74 – MAKING A SEQRA DETERMINATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ON THE MICHAEL J. GRANT CAMPUS (CP 2203)

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Suffolk and Suffolk County Community College, dated April 16, 2009, the College Board of Trustees serves as Lead Agency for determinations issued pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) (NYS Environmental Conservation Law, Article 8) and its implementing regulations at Title 6 NYCRR Part 617, and

WHEREAS, under Capital Project 2203, the College will be constructing an Automotive Technology Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus, funded in both the current Adopted County Capital Program and the current Adopted New York State Budget, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 617.6(a)(3), a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) was prepared by the College, as shown in *Attachment I*, attached hereto, to systematically consider environmental factors involved with this action to make a reasoned determination regarding the likelihood that the action may have a significant adverse impact to the environment, and

WHEREAS, this review has indicated that the construction of the Automotive Technology Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment, and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the College recommends that this project be considered an “Unlisted Action,” pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.2(a), be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby finds and determines that the Automotive Technology Center to be constructed at the Michael J. Grant Campus constitutes an “Unlisted Action,” pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.2(a), and be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.7(b), after due deliberation, review, and analysis of the information contained in the SEAF and other relevant information, the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the construction of the Automotive Technology Center will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and issues a negative declaration for the following reasons:

1. The action will not exceed any of the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), which sets forth thresholds for determining significant adverse impacts on the environment;
2. The action does not adversely impact air quality, surface or groundwater, traffic or noise levels, nor substantially increase solid waste production, erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems as the topography remains flat, the building will be sewerred, and storm water will be managed on-site;

3. The removal of vegetation associated with the action will not impact occupied endangered species habitat through the practice of avoidance in accordance with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation guidance and recommendations, as no trees will be removed between March 1st and November 30th of any calendar year;
4. As the action does not adversely impact groundwater, the action does not impair the environmental characteristics of the state listed Critical Environmental Area (CEA) identified as Oaks Brush Plains;
5. The action does not conflict with the College's Master Plan;
6. The action does not impair the character or quality of important archeological, historical, architectural or aesthetic resources as the site does not contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places;
7. While the site is located in an archeological sensitive area, there is no record of any significant archeological findings within the Campus property and therefore the action does not impair the character or quality of important archeological resources;
8. The increased use of electricity and natural gas associated with the action is not significant relative to the rest of the Michael J. Grant Campus and energy efficient HVAC and lighting technologies will be employed;
9. The action does not create a hazard to human health;
10. The action is consistent with the current use of the land as a community college;
11. The action does not attract a large number of people to the Campus compared to the number of people who would come to the Campus absent the action;
12. The action does not create a material demand for other actions that would meet one or more of the criteria in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c);
13. The action does not result in changes to two or more elements of the environment that when considered together result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment;
14. There are no related actions to this action that when considered cumulatively would meet one or more of the criteria in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c);
15. All necessary State and County approvals will be obtained.

Public comments on matters pertaining to the College: none.

Chair Coverdale requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee O'Connor so moved, Trustee Zarate seconded. The motion to adjourn the meeting was approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is December 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Learning Resource Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus, Brentwood, New York.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin O'Connor
Secretary